

After U.S. bombings EMERGENCY IN NORTH VIETNAM

IGON. — A state of emergency has been declared in North Vietnam as a result of the massive American bombing last month of the nation's industrial and governmental centres of Hanoi and Haiphong.

Radio Hanoi in a broadcast yesterday indicated that the devastation wrought by the bombs had forced under Phan Van Dong to declare an emergency programme.

The purpose of the emergency programme, the broadcast said, is to "production activities, and people's living conditions in as hit by U.S. bombs."

American planes continued to hammer the southern periphery of North Vietnam and large areas of South Vietnam as the U.S. announced the loss of yet another plane, a Phantom in Laos, the same time, the command announced that American bombers were operating north of the 20th parallel in North Vietnam.

A tactic ordered stopped last night 30 by President Nixon.

Radio Hanoi said that relief aid continues to pour in from various countries and organizations. The latest contributors, the radio said, include the Finnish government, which has donated \$410,000. The World Council of Churches will supply nine tons of medical supplies worth more than \$200,000 to North Vietnam on January 15, paid for by European members of the Council.

Mr. Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's peace emissary, arrived in Paris yesterday for decisive negotiations with U.S. envoy Henry Kissinger — and warned that if the U.S. insisted on "unreasonable changes" in the basic accord of last October, the Vietnamese people would not yield to threats.

He is due to meet Dr. Kissinger on Monday. The two men, who broke off their secret discussions here last month, will grapple with problems dealing with sovereignty over South Vietnam, an international supervised cease-fire and other issues still holding up a peaceful settlement.

President Nixon yesterday summoned Dr. Kissinger to his Camp David, Maryland, retreat to prepare for the resumption of the private talks. A White House spokesman described the Camp David sessions as "intensive, final consultations" before Dr. Kissinger leaves this morning for the talks with Le Duc Tho.

Meanwhile, seven ships carrying Australian goods have been reported tied up in six U.S. ports from Boston to Tampa, Florida, as American longshoremen retaliate for an Australian boycott of American shipping.

The Australian boycott, called primarily by left wing unions, is in protest of the recent American bombing of North Vietnam.

The U.S. initially protested, but Australia's new Labour Party Prime Minister, Hugh Whitlam, has said he would not interfere.

In Phnom Penh Communist troops made their first daylight raids against the Cambodian Capital's riverbank docks yesterday, blowing up a pier and damaging a Panamanian-registered freighter. However, there were no casualties.

New army aide for Kissinger

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon has selected one of the military's leading experts on global issues to become Henry A. Kissinger's top assistant on a reorganized national security Council staff.

Source said yesterday that Army Brig. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Mr. Nixon's military assistant, succeeded Gen. Alexander Haig No. 2 man on the N.S.C. staff.

Haig, who has played a major role in the Vietnam peace negotiations, moved to the Pentagon last week to become the army's Deputy Chief of Staff.

Nixon formally named President

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Congress yesterday formally declared Richard Nixon re-elected U.S. President following the presidential election of last November.

Meeting in a special joint session, Senate and House of Representatives officially tallied the country's electoral college votes, which re-elected Mr. Nixon 521 and the Democratic opponent, Senator George McGovern, 17.

Eban: Must expect some reverses

Israel could not expect a dramatic campaign in Africa without expecting to suffer casualties, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday in the wake of the breaking off of diplomatic ties with Mali.

The diplomatic struggle, just as a defence struggle, produces its casualties, Mr. Eban said on his radio interview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It does not mean we have to "fall," he said.

The Foreign Minister said the role of the President, Golda Meir, is to be responsible at the same time the growing estrangement of Israel and for decreasing the damage done by the federation partner, Egypt. Golda's influence is one of the main causes for the political isolation of the Middle East.

He pointed out, and was adamant, that the basic cause for the international isolation of Israel is the Egyptian position in Egypt.

Foreign Minister predicted active political activity in the Middle East in the first half of 1975.

Last year was one of political and diplomatic setbacks, he said. 1975 will see continued "up and down" but an end to the "down" and a beginning of a "rise."

He said that the Egyptian position is the most serious threat to the peace process, and that the Egyptian position is the most serious threat to the peace process.

MAI FIFTH TO CUT TIES WITH ISRAEL

Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that there was nothing in the bilateral relations between Mali and Israel to justify Mali's decision to cut diplomatic ties.

The decision was announced in the Mali capital of Bamako on Friday.

The reaction was the same as that which followed the breaches with Niger and Congo-Brazzaville last week. Mali is the fifth African country to have broken with Israel in the last few months, the others were Uganda, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville and Niger.

Apart from Ambassador Ashraf Hakeem and his assistant, the only Israeli in Mali is an expert working on a U.N. project. There are no Israeli aid or cooperation programmes in Mali, although a number of Mali students are taking courses at various institutions in Israel. Mali is not represented diplomatically in Israel.

Officials pointed out yesterday that relations with Mali have always been difficult because it is a country with a Muslim majority and a radical regime.

Announcing the break of ties with Mali on Friday, Mali Foreign Minister, Captain Charles Samba Cisse, accused it of founding villages in the administered areas, forcibly expelling residents and exploiting the populations. Captain Cisse made the charges to Ambassador Hakeem, who is summoned to receive the announcement of the breach.

(In Cairo, the weekly "Al-Ahram" said Arab-African countries like Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan and Morocco played a major role in revealing to other member states of the Organization of African Unity that "Israel is a tool of imperialism which all independent African states are fighting.")

Upon Thailand's request Israel ready to hand over bodies of Sabena terrorists

Jerusalem Post Reporter.

Israel has agreed to Thailand's request that it return the bodies of two Arab terrorists shot dead during the Sabena airplane hijack at Lod Airport last May. The Foreign Ministry announced on Friday that Israel "shall be prepared to hand over the bodies to the relatives upon receipt of the requisite application from them or from any party rightfully entitled to place a request."

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President Shazar walks with President Nixon on Friday outside the White House after the two had met earlier in the afternoon following the memorial meeting for the late President Truman. Behind Mr. Shazar, partially hidden, is Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. (AP radio photo)

After Truman memorial Nixon tells Shazar: Will continue aid

Jerusalem Post Correspondent.

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon assured President Zalman Shazar here on Friday that he is keeping his promise made at their last meeting that as long as he remained in the White House the sources of aid to Israel would not dry up.

The meeting between the two Presidents followed the memorial ceremony at Washington Cathedral for the late President Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Nixon told the Israel President that like Truman, he too was interested in helping the Jewish State.

The meeting at the White House, which lasted 20 minutes, was originally set for late afternoon, but was advanced when it was explained that Mr. Shazar wanted to get to New York before the onset of the Sabbath.

At the hour-long memorial service, President Shazar was accorded a front row seat, flanked by Mrs. William Rogers, wife of the Secretary of State, and Ireland's Prime Minister John Lynch. Across the aisle were Vice-President and Mrs. Spiro Agnew, Truman's daughter, Mrs. Clifford Daniel, and Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower.

Countries whose destiny had been shaped in the post-World War II era by decisions made by Truman heard the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre Jr., dean of the Cathedral, pray that the strength of the American people shall be renewed and that they have the grace to lay aside the things that divided them.

A memorial service for Truman was held yesterday in Tel Aviv under the auspices of the American Embassy and the Israel-American Society at the Reemant Hall of the Tel Aviv Museum. Prime Minister Golda Meir and most heads of diplomatic missions were among those attending. Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren read Chapter 23 of Psalms in Hebrew and English.

Dissidents taken from Egyptian universities

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter.

Egypt's universities and high schools remained under a government stage over the weekend as security forces evacuated the last of the dissident students from campuses in an enforcement of a government order to close down all of the country's higher educational institutions.

There were no further reports of confrontations after a week of the anti-government campus rebellions. Students on Wednesday and Thursday clashed with government security forces in the streets.

Egyptian authorities yesterday said they had released most of the students rounded up during the week. Still in custody, however, are over 30 students who were detained apparently during the street clashes.

Cairo's "Al-Gomhuriya" reported yesterday that some of these students will be charged with demonstrating while others will be accused of distributing leaflets "inciting rebellion at the time of war."

Plainclothes policemen and detectives kept guard over the weekend outside Egypt's main campuses to prevent any student reorganizations. The students had openly turned their protests against the arrest of colleagues into an uprising to challenge the government on major political issues headed by Cairo's stagnant attitude towards the Middle East crisis. Reports from Cairo said that the last poster removed from one university by security forces read: "Sadat, if we are not to have war, let us have peace."

No effect on M.E. peace

Jerusalem Post Correspondent.

WASHINGTON. — The student demonstrations in Cairo have so far had no effect either way on the chances for renewed Middle East settlement activity, according to official opinion here.

On the basis of the news reaching here, officials feel that Sadat has the situation under control and can open the door to negotiations if he wishes to. They add though that increased dissension could worsen the situation and reduce Sadat's freedom of action.

The statement noted that Israel has "never refused to hand over to relatives for burial the bodies of terrorists killed in the said instance, too, our readiness to do so remained unchanged."

It pointed out that "shortly after the Sabena incident we were approached by the Red Cross with the request to hand over the bodies to the families. We replied that since the relatives were resident in Jerusalem, Judea or Samaria, they were invited to apply directly to the authorities, in which case we would hand over the bodies to them for burial."

The statement said that "the bodies were kept at the Institute for Forensic Medicine for two weeks, following which they were buried, no application having been received from the families."

In Bangkok, UPI reported the (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

Ports go-slow worsens, more ships waiting

Jerusalem Post Staff.

Total congestion of Israel's two main ports of Haifa and Ashdod is in sight by the end of the week if the dockers' go-slow does not end before then, informed sources warned over the weekend.

They were speaking after the dockers marked their second day of slow motion on Friday by doing even less work — about 20 to 30 per cent of normal. The Ports Authority spokesman said there had been no contact over the weekend between the Authority and the dockers on the men's demand for a nearly 50 per cent wage rise.

On Friday there were some 17 ships waiting outside the breakwaters of the country's two Mediterranean ports as stevedores gave leisurely attention to the 30 ships tied up within. Informed sources said that there would be a pileup of over 50 ships waiting outside the ports by next weekend if work does not return to normal before then.

Meanwhile, Ports Authority spokesman Micha Levy told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that there had been no contacts on the dispute over the weekend, aside from inconclusive talks between the Histadrut and the dockers themselves. Authority representatives were reportedly hoping for an initiative from Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, who returned to Israel last night from a trades union congress in Copenhagen. The Histadrut has been backing a 40 per cent rise for the men, which is what Transport Minister Shimon Peres said over Israel Radio was also the figure the Government was willing to give the men.

The ports issue is to be discussed at the Cabinet's weekly session today.

Haifa's dockers on Friday managed to work even more slowly than when they began their slow-down the day before, doing less than one norm per day on most cargoes, instead of the one they had managed on Thursday. The dockers explained that they only

have to put in a seven-hour day on Fridays. They apparently intend to do a little less every day, until the Ports Authority gives into their wage demands.

Again citrus loading was hardest hit, as it has the lowest norm, and though the port management again increased the number of gangs on fruit loading to 30, the output was only about half of what the usual 18 gangs do on a normal day.

At Ashdod, work started late on Friday and was estimated at about 25 per cent of normal at day's end. Citrus was even worse hit, and figures for Thursday showed 38,000 cases of citrus loaded instead of the normal 250,000. The Citrus Marketing Board was reportedly considering sending a delegation from the Histadrut to the ports to explain to dockers the damage their slowdown is causing Israel's vital export.

Qualifying his statement on Thursday that the Authority made renewal of negotiations contingent on the dockers' willingness to discuss featherbedding and related issues, the Authority spokesman said that he had been misunderstood. The Authority had no intention of trying to fire regular stevedores, but only wished to operate more efficiently with the present work force by setting realistic norms for its present modern equipment. This would make the ports less dependent on temporary labour, he added.

Meanwhile, no matter how slowly they work the dockers cannot be paid less than a day's wage, as the norm is not obligatory. They will of course lose their premiums by the go-slow. But they hope that once the authorities give in, as they confidently expect, their wage rise will make up for the few days' loss.

Tractor hits mine on Golan Cabinet to air security issue

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent.

A tractor hit a mine near Nahal Golan on the southern Golan Heights on Friday. There were no casualties, but the tractor was slightly damaged. A search of the area by security forces later in the day revealed a second mine, which was defused without incident.

Two other mines were found in the area last Monday. It is believed that all four mines were planted by terrorists some time ago — probably before last weekend's Syrian artillery barrage and Israeli subsequent counter-strike.

Roads on the Heights remained open to civilian traffic despite the incident.

Lebanon reports five Israel air violations

BEIRUT (UPI). — Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace five times last week, the Army Command said Saturday.

The violations covered all parts of Lebanon at the height of a dogfight between Israeli and Syrian jets last Tuesday, the Command said.

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Woman fights Gaza police N.C.O.'s Engineers' wage talks YAACOBI:

rabbinal to study at Shfaram divorce in High Court

The High Court of Justice Friday ordered the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court to show cause why it should not suspend hearings on a divorce application brought before it.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kahanoff told the High Court that her husband, a divorcee, was a civil divorcee and she wanted the divorce to be handled by the civil courts. Given the chance to contest the divorce in a civil court, she would ask for alimony, she said.

She said she had no question about what the outcome would be if the rabbinical courts heard the case. In similar cases in the past, their judgments were so cruel, so out of line with the legislator's progressive efforts to protect women's rights, that it would be absurd to think that the rabbinical courts would give the divorcing couple a fair hearing in matters of this kind, she said.

According to the appellant, her marriage to Mr. Kahanoff in Paris was a defiance of many of its tenets — Jewish religious law — was in fact a defiance of many of its tenets — and therefore the Rabbinical Court should not have jurisdiction over its dissolution.

Mrs. Kahanoff said she had been married in a religious ceremony previously. The marriage ended in divorce. Two years after her marriage to Mr. Kahanoff, her first husband died.

Under Jewish religious law, she said, she was still someone's wife when she wed Mr. Kahanoff. Not only that, as a divorcee, she was not permitted to marry a divorcee. And if that were not enough, her first marriage was childless, and after her husband's death, under Jewish law she was a *yebama*, and should have received *halitza* (permission to remarry) from his brother.

Mrs. Kahanoff had asked the District Rabbinical Court in Tel Aviv to issue a divorce. Mrs. Kahanoff said that the marriage was a purely civil matter because of her special circumstances noted above and asked the court to disqualify itself.

The Rabbinical Court refused, and she applied to the High Court. It gave the Rabbinical Court 30 days to show cause why it should not suspend hearings. (Hes)

AHMEDI LEADER LEAVING POST

HAIFA. — The head of the Ahmadi community of Kibbutz, on Mt. Carmel, Sheikh Muhammad Munawar, has unexpectedly cut short his tenure of office and is about to leave for Tanzania. No official explanation has been given for his impending departure, but the reason is believed to be personal.

The Ahmadi sect, a break-away from Islam, consists of about 1,000 persons in Israel. Most of them live on Mt. Carmel as residents of Haifa.

Sheikh Munawar's place will be taken by Sheikh Jalal al-Din Kamar. He has served in Israel before, but during the past ten years resided in Africa, part of the time in Uganda.

A WAGE AGREEMENT was signed in the Paz oil distribution company last week.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A course for local police sergeants will open shortly at Israel's National Police School, the retiring Gaza and North Sinai police commander, Sgan-Nitzav Yitzhak Yabov, said Friday. He was speaking at a farewell party given him here by the police and the military government. He is returning to Beerseba after a two-year term here to take over the Negev Police from Nitzav-Mishne Michael Bochner, who is moving on to national police headquarters in Jerusalem.

The 41-year-old Cairo-born outgoing commander said he was proud to be able to encourage the coming special course at the Shfaram police school, the first Israel will have given for Gaza and North Sinai sergeants.

He recalled that Gaza local police had been put in a difficult position when they began work. The terrorists had viewed them as traitors and some Jews had suspected them as a fifth column. They have been doing their job for the benefit

of the people of Gaza with honour, he declared.

Speaking for the men, the senior local policeman, Pakad Yusef Muhana, said that if life was now normal and relations in the Strip good between Jews and Arabs, it was in large part due to Sgan-Nitzav Yabov. The Israeli policeman had worked tirelessly for the good of Gaza's population and had been a father to his men, he said.

Sgan-Nitzav Yabov is returning to Beerseba to take over on January 15 a unit he joined 22 years ago as a police recruit. He will be replaced in Gaza on a temporary basis by Rav-Pakad Moshe Carmel.

40-50,000 Soviet immigrants in 1973

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 120,000 Russian Jews have asked for papers to go to Israel. Between 40,000 and 50,000 stand a chance of actually coming here in 1973, Mr. Arye Dulsin, the Jewish Agency Treasurer, told the Engineers' Club on Friday.

Last year, 32,000 Jews arrived from the U.S.S.R., he said.

Some 600 college graduates paid the head tax requested by the Soviet authorities, but 390 did not, Mr. Dulsin said. The new "ransom price list" published for the first time in the Soviet Union two weeks ago, reduces the sums and enables the authorities to waive payment from persons who do not have the money.

Jewish organizations in the free world will continue to fight the "ransom" principle, however, Mr. Dulsin said.

He reported that there had been a drop of 10 per cent in immigration from the West, due partly to the housing shortage and partly to the smear campaign alleging that immigration was resented by old-timers. In fact, Mr. Dulsin said, prosperity depends on immigration, and pointed out that the recession which hit this country in 1966 "really began two years earlier when immigration dropped to 12,000 a year."

The issue of "demography," which worries many Israeli politicians, does not impress Mr. Dulsin. He cited a British census of 1926 which said that of the 800,000 Arabs in Palestine, 60 per cent were immigrants or their children.

NEGLECTIBLE NUMBER

Meanwhile, Mr. Moshe Rivkin, Secretary-General of the Jewish Agency, dismissed as insignificant the number of Soviet Jews who were now in Vienna crying to return to Russia after being disappointed with life in Israel. He was commenting on a report from Vienna which said that 83 Soviet Jews had cabled a personal appeal to Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev seeking permission to return to Russia.

Mr. Rivkin said here that only 86 Soviet Jews — out of nearly 45,000 who had arrived in Israel in the

AN ELDERLY HAIFA resident, 72-year-old Clara Weiss, complained a man jumped out of the bushes near her house and snatched her purse Thursday night, as she returned home from a concert. Police searched in vain for the thief. He got away with IL42.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representation of the engineers and technicians on Friday turned down the Treasury's suggestions for solving the wage dispute which threatens to push the engineering profession out on strike next week.

"The Ministry of Finance people brought no new ideas," Mr. Aharon Madanes, secretary of the Engineers' Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

The engineers' main claim boils down to a new ten-grade wage system into which the present six-grade pattern will be expanded. They

past two years — had left the country with the idea of returning to the Soviet Union.

The cable to Brezhnev did not mention the word Jews or Israel, but said the signatories, who are citizens temporarily in Vienna, "were misled by Zionist propaganda and made a mistake." We want our children to be educated in the U.S.S.R.

Also on Friday, a planeload of Soviet Jews arrived from Vienna at Lod Airport. Aboard were two scientists who were allowed to leave the country without paying the ransom.

210 immigrants from S. America

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The m.s. Dan brought 210 new immigrants on Friday morning, most of them from South America. They were sent to absorption centres, kibbutz aliyah courses and new farms, mainly in the Kiryat Gat and Beerseba area.

The customs police who searched the ship on arrival discovered several thousand pounds' worth of contraband clothing in the crew quarters. The goods were confiscated.

A guard was left on the ship. The Dan is now going into drydock, where she will be given a thorough search.

Greek Orthodox celebrating Christmas

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Hundreds of Greek Orthodox flocked into Bethlehem last night to celebrate Christmas. The eastern churches observe Christmas according to the Julian calendar.

The festivities began earlier in the day when the Patriarch, Benedictus I, arrived in Bethlehem from Jerusalem in a colourful procession, flanked by mounted constables. His Beatitude was received on Manger Square by Mayor Elias Freij, and a large crowd of local followers.

At midnight, the Patriarch officiated at a midnight mass preceded by a series of services held at the Katholikon inside the Church of the Nativity.

The Greek Orthodox Christmas is also observed by the Syrian and Russian Orthodox and the Coptic churches.

Labour laws protect the workers

TEL AVIV. — The labour courts and the labour laws have been instituted to protect workers rather than their employers. The record of the Labour Court proves this, Judge Mathew Harniv, chief of the Tel Aviv District Labour Court, told labour officials here Friday.

The District Labour Court has had more than 13,000 cases filed before it in its three years of existence, Judge Harniv told labour union secretaries and members of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Labour Council. Of these, more than 80 per cent have been filed directly by employees. The courts have dealt with more than 10,000 cases to date.

The only reason all the cases were not handled, Judge Harniv added, is that the court functioned for a full year with only one judge. Now it has seven and two court clerks.

Judge Harniv cautioned the labour union secretaries to examine workers' complaints carefully before passing them on to the courts. He suggested that union officials appear with the plaintiffs more regularly. (Hes)

Engineers' wage talks make no progress

argue that the differentiation between the jobs in the profession has shrunk considerably since 1958, and want it restored to former levels.

The engineers contend that there must be enough grades to be reflected clearly in the paycheck. The present grading does not allow for it.

They insist that the minimum gain difference in basic salary between one grade and another be 15 per cent.

The Central Committee of the Union of Graduates in Humanities and Social Sciences on Thursday approved a tentative agreement reached earlier in the week with the Ministry of Finance. A new wage schedule with IL635 as a minimum basic salary will serve as a basis for further negotiations with the employers over a contract which would assure an overall increase in salaries of about 36 per cent over last year's figures.

YAACOBI:

'Economic council' to fight inflation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The creation of a national council on economic matters was suggested on Friday by Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi.

Speaking at the Maritime and Economic Club, he said that fighting inflation was one of the most pressing issues in the economy today. He warned that among the urgent measures that needed to be taken up were spending by local councils and municipalities, provisionally increasing exposure of industry to competitive imports and comprehensive old age insurance to increase compulsory saving.

Mr. Yaacobi also thought the added value tax should be introduced soon. The promised income tax relief (which will deprive the Treasury of an income of IL350m.) should be delayed until the added value tax goes into effect.

The present state of affairs — deteriorating balance of payments and inflationary pressures — makes Israel's position more vulnerable in the forthcoming political debates with the U.S. on a partial solution of the Middle East conflict, he stressed.

Mr. Yaacobi did not speak about the ports strike specifically, but noted that 90 partial strikes had afflicted the country in 1972, a 40 per cent rise over 1971. Most of these had occurred in public services in the form of slow-downs and other kinds of sanctions.

General strikes, however, had shrunk from 169 in 1971 to 140 last year, or by 18 per cent. Altogether the economy had lost about 200,000 work days because of strikes in 1972, compared with 169,000 the year before.

Almogi 'formula' for stopping strikes

Many labour disputes could not have been prevented or cut in duration had his proposal for a Government-Histadrut coordinating committee been adopted, Labour Minister Yosef Almogi declared Friday night.

Obviously, Mr. Almogi said on a Zahal Radio interview, the proposal did not fall on deaf ears. In spite of the opposition to it by the Histadrut Secretary-General, there has been talk about a "package deal" along these lines between key Cabinet ministers, Mr. Ben-Aharon and the secretary of Hevrat Ovdim.

Mr. Almogi warned that inflation has ceased to creep and has begun to gallop.

Earlier on Friday, addressing a Labour Council audience in Haifa, he pointed to inflation as the only major shortcoming in an otherwise "positively developing" economy. The past year has witnessed unprecedented growths in output and

TOO HOT IN LOD

LOD AIRPORT. — It was summer in January here for a few hours on Friday as the terminal building's heating system refused to go off. Many of the sweltering people in the passenger lounge sought refuge from the tropical air in the winter chill outside, while those who had to remain inside took off their jackets and sweaters to produce a scene resembling Lod in July.

Technicians finally located and repaired the trouble after an hour's search. (Hes)

BODIES

Thai Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Thai Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn made the Thai request to Aluf Aharon Yaviv, special envoy of Prime Minister Golda Meir, when Yaviv called on him to thank him for the Thai efforts in solving the Embassy crisis.

The announcement said Mrs. Meir cabled Thanom saying the two bodies would be returned to their families "on compliance with necessary formalities." The Thai announcement welcomed Mrs. Meir's decision as showing "the spirit of humanity and tolerance," and said the incident indicated that "peace and understanding for mankind is not unattainable."

The official statement that "Israel never refused to hand over the bodies to relatives" was disputed last night by Mrs. Felicia Langer, the Rahav lawyer who has appeared for the defence in many terrorist trials.

She told *The Jerusalem Post* that "two or three months" after the hijack incident she was asked by Ali Shafiq Taha's sister Suhella to help her get the body back. Mrs. Langer says she first applied to the Ramle police, who had handled the hijack investigation, and then to the Defence Ministry.

The letter she received in the autumn from the "man responsible for contact with the public" said that "the body could not be exhumed before a year has passed from the time of death."

The sister, who, Mrs. Langer says, was attached to Ali, asked if she could see the grave at least, even if she could not take the body away for reburial. To this request, Mrs. Langer says, the same man replied: "The grave is in an area under control of the army. Outsiders are not allowed in."

KIRYAT ONO BLAMELESS

In Friday's *Jerusalem Post* the State Comptroller's report on the Ono Regional Council erroneously appeared under the heading of Kiryat Ono Local Council. In fact, the critical report had nothing to do with the township of Kiryat Ono, and instead referred solely to the nearby Regional Council, which incorporates the settlements of Kfar Azar, Ramat El'al and Ramat Pinchas.

THE MAKHITESHEM and Agan chemical companies have sent a large shipment of Bromex disinfectant to the earthquake-stricken Nicaraguan capital of Managua, the companies announced over the weekend. The disinfectant is ready for immediate spraying to prevent epidemics.

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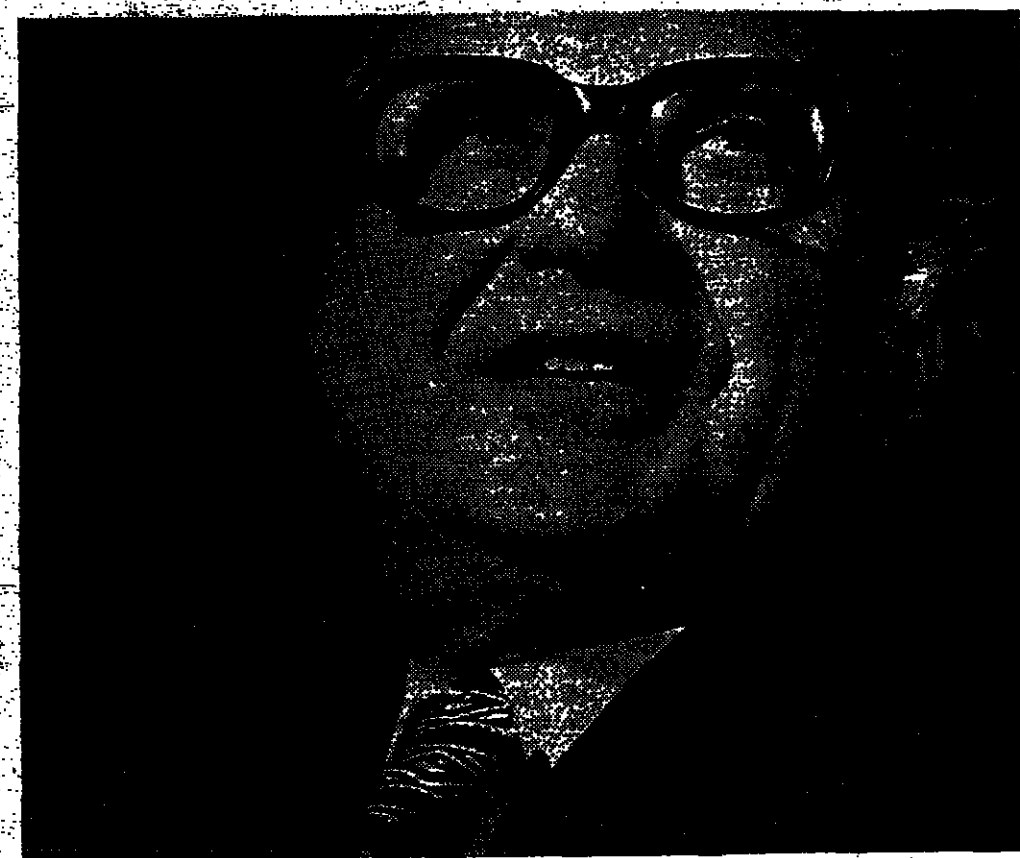
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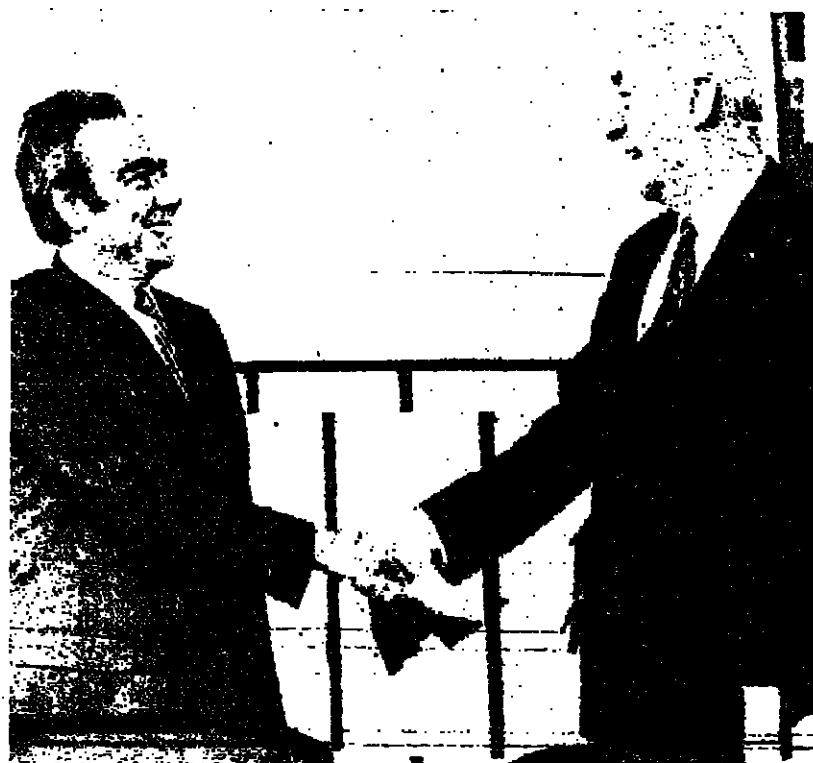
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New Common Market Commission President Francois-Xavier Ortoli, left, shakes hands with retiring President Sico Manaholt during ceremony in Brussels yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

New Common Market board takes office

BRUSSELS (AP). — A New Common Market executive took office yesterday as did members from Britain, Ireland and Denmark.

Francois-Xavier Ortoli, the French president of the new 13-man body, then gave an emotional public farewell to president Sico Manaholt, who has been a member for over 14 years.

"The summit meeting has given us a calendar," Ortoli told reporters, "and we are bound by it."

A summit meeting in Paris last October pledged a "European Union" by 1980.

The 13-man Common Market board of directors began a week-end of political jockeying for jobs yesterday before they swear to put aside national interests in a ceremony on Tuesday.

The jobs handling agriculture, foreign relations and economic and monetary affairs must be settled before the commission appears Tuesday in Luxembourg before the European Court of Justice to seek international impartiality. They agreed at the ceremony not to accept instructions from their home governments.

The commission's job is to propose policies to the members of the trade group. Each country has one vote amounting to a virtual veto. Britain, Ireland and Denmark were

admitted January 1 to the previously six-member union.

Five men will be vice-presidents: Sir Christopher Soames of Britain, Dr. Patrick Hillery of Ireland, Wilhelm Haferkamp of West Germany, Henri Simonet of Belgium and Carlo Scarscia-Mugnozza of Italy.

Other members are George Thomson of Britain, Olaf Gundlach of Denmark, Jean-Francois Deniau of France, Ralf Dahrendorf of West Germany, Albert Borahette of Luxembourg, Pierre Lardinois of the Netherlands and Alfiero Spinelli of Italy.

Soames, 52, son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill, wants the foreign affairs portfolio, but so does West Germany's Dahrendorf, who holds it now.

Iraq celebrates army's anniversary

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Iraq yesterday celebrated the 52nd anniversary of the creation of its army, the Iraq News Agency reported.

Defence Minister Lt-Gen. Hamud Shehab has reaffirmed his government's plans to develop the combat strength of the armed forces.

Terrorists say vital Israeli documents taken in Bangkok

BEIRUT (UPI). — Four Palestinian terrorists who occupied the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok December 23 abandoned their mission because they seized "important and secret documents" from the Embassy's files, a newspaper with close connections to the terrorist movement said yesterday.

The seized documents included an Israeli assessment of the American air attacks against North Vietnam and the strength of Ha-mot's air defenses, the newspaper "Al Yom" said.

(In Jerusalem a Foreign Ministry source dismissed the Lebanese report as "nonsense.")

Terrorist sources said on Friday the four terrorists were flown from Cairo to Damascus to stand trial before a "revolutionary court" on charges of negligence and failure to accomplish their mission.

"Al Yom" said the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok is the centre of Israel's political activity in South-east Asia. Israel, the newspaper added, is attempting to acquire the knowledge how to manufacture the ultra-modern bombs, directed by laser beam, which America is using in Vietnam.

"The Israeli assessment of the effectiveness of these bombs in Vietnam acquires the nature of an urgent military necessity regarding Israel's military position in the Middle East," the newspaper said.

Our Arab Affairs Reporter adds: The departure of the four terrorists from Cairo is believed to have been suggested by the Egyptian authorities whose ambassador in Bangkok, Mustafa el-Essawy, was being blamed by the radical terrorist circles for obstructing the Black September operation in the Thai capital.

The Egyptian authorities apparently want the quartet to emphasise that they were subjected

Quints born in suburb of Chicago

EVANSTON, Illinois (AP). — Quintuplets born on Friday night to a young Northbrook couple were in fair condition early yesterday in an Evanston hospital.

The mother, Mrs. James Baer, 26, gave birth to the three girls and two boys, the couple's first children, in Highland Park Hospital in the northern Chicago suburb. They were transferred to Evanston two hours after birth and placed in incubators.

Dr. William Gardner, who is supervising care of the infants, said Friday night the babies' lung functions were reasonably good and their breathing more rapid than normal.

A spokesman at the hospital said the next three days will be the crucial period for the babies. They were born one month premature and ranged in weight from 1 lb. 11 ounces, to 3 lbs., 12 ounces.

The father, James, is a stockbroker.

Sophia Loren gives birth to second child

GENEVA (AP). — Italian actress Sophia Loren gave birth to her second child — and second son — yesterday, with father Carlo Ponti telling reporters he is a "beautiful baby."

The 34 kilo boy was delivered by Caesarian operation in the maternity clinic of Geneva's Cantonal Hospital, where the firstborn was also delivered by Caesarian almost exactly five years ago.

The 38-year-old star, childless for the first 11 years of her marriage with four miscarriages, was reported to be in fine health, as was the boy.

"We are delighted," the 59-year-old Ponti said, adding that the name was still to be decided upon. Both were said to have wished for a sister to first-born Carlo to be named Penelope.

Directing the delivery was Prof. Hubert De Wettewie, the 65-year-old Geneva specialist who also delivered the first baby.

Ponti said his wife would resume her acting career "in three or four months." He did not name the film, but he had said earlier that Miss Loren's next film would be "Mother of a Family."

Two dozen Italian newsmen and photographers had been sitting in the hospital lobby for two days waiting for the event. Two of them jumped the gun — as well as French Television — when they reported the birth of the baby on Friday.

Nigeria orders all diplomatic bags searched

LAGOS (Reuters). — Foreign missions in Lagos were awaiting instructions from their home governments yesterday on whether to comply with Nigeria's order for a six-week "compulsory search of incoming diplomatic bags."

The controversial order, aimed at checking currency smuggling during the changeover to a new decimal currency, was announced to a gathering of senior diplomats on Wednesday. A concerted protest action is expected from the 70 diplomatic missions here, including those of the U.S., Soviet Union, China and the British Commonwealth high commissions.

Nigerian government officials have declined to comment on the decision, which diplomats described as a breach of diplomatic immunity. Nigerian head of state General Yakubu Gowon warned on Tuesday, when he launched the new currency, that stringent security measures had been taken to prevent trafficking.



Federal marshals help Meyer Lansky into a car on Friday, as the reputed underworld figure left the office of a court-appointed psychiatrist in Miami, Florida, to determine if the ailing Lansky, 71, was fit to stand trial on contempt charges. (AP radiophoto)

Al Azhar rector claims Manila persecutes Moslems

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt's top Moslem religious leader yesterday condemned the "persecution" of Moslems in the Philippines and the "blind religious fanaticism" of the Manila government.

Sheikh Mohammed Fahham, grand rector of Al Azhar Mosque, accused Manila of falsifying facts regarding developments in the south and urged Islamic nations to rally to the aid of Filipino Moslems.

"Fahham condemned the persecution suffered by Moslems in the Philippines which caused the recent renewal of disturbances and battles," the semi-official Middle East news agency said.

"It quoted Fahham as saying that the Islamic Research Centre had protested to President Marcos and several world organizations and 'exposed the methods of blind fanaticism' practised by the Manila government."

"The Centre made it clear that the statements issued by the Philippine government totally disregard the facts," he said.

Earlier yesterday, the newspaper "Akbar al-Yom" said the Philippine government has launched an "all-out offensive" against the lands of Moslems.

Heavy influx of Chinese refugees reach Hongkong

HONGKONG (AP). — Seventy-three refugees from mainland China were arrested entering Hongkong in the period January 1-4, a record number for this time of year, reliable sources said yesterday.

The 75 include five who reached here on Thursday by making the six-hour swim through cold and rough winter waters. During the winter that is roughly the number that would reach Hongkong in a month, the sources said.

The remaining 68 all arrived by boat, mainly fishing junks. No explanation was given for the big influx.

All those caught were allowed to remain in Hongkong after questioning. It is widely accepted here that for every refugee caught another four reach here without being detected.

Moscow raps Israel on Soviet Jewry

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The Soviet Union accused Israel of "malicious, slanderous invention" in bringing the issue of Soviet Jewry to world attention.

Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik said in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that Israel had raised the question to divert attention from its own aggression against Arab countries.

TAX. — Malaysia, in a determined effort to stop tax evaders, is offering half of all tax recovered to informants, the Treasury announced yesterday.

Rabat university students on strike

RABAT (Reuters). — Trouble erupted again at the Mohammed V University in Rabat yesterday with over 2,000 students at the Faculty of Law on a 48-hour protest strike. The students are protesting against new regulations introduced by the university authorities.

The new stoppage comes after some 10,000 students returned to lectures last week following the reopening of university campus dormitories closed by the authorities early in December because of alleged "promiscuity" between male and female students.

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CHICAGO (AP). — Three firemen were killed and 27 were injured early yesterday fighting a pre-dawn blaze that caused the collapse of a roof of a two-storey building in Chicago's downtown area.

A search was under way in freezing temperatures for other firemen possibly trapped by the cave-in. One of the dead was killed when a steel beam fell on him, officials said.

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Senators Frank Church and Edward Kennedy discuss Senate resolution to cut off Vietnam war funds.

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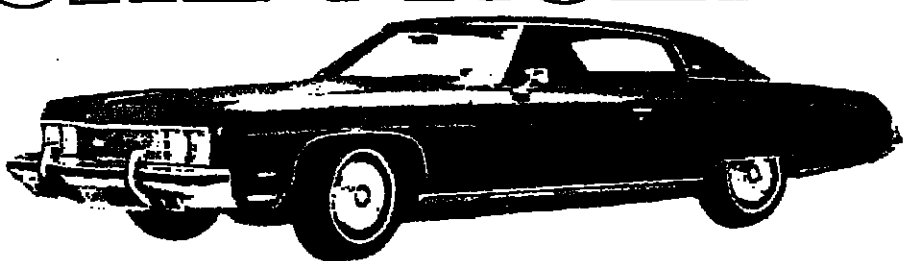
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MALI JOINS THE OTHERS

ON Thursday Niger ended its relations with us; on Friday, Mali followed suit. They were not the first African states to break off relations, but the fourth and fifth, and they may still not be the last.

The Foreign Ministry has adopted a bland practice of recording on these occasions that there was nothing in the relations between the two countries to cause the rupture. This may be accurate as far as it goes — the Niger representative here is reported to have heard the news of the rupture on the radio — but it does not go far enough.

It is not, perhaps, of great significance that the ending of relations was not preceded by any specific differences of opinion between the two countries. On the contrary, the various rumours of quite unreasonable demands made by Idi Amin of Uganda, and allegedly rejected by Israel, such as that Israel forces should assist him in war on his neighbours, makes the rupture much more acceptable and easier to understand. Nobody in their senses would wish to maintain relations with Uganda at the price of taking part in Idi Amin's wars, or even most of the other projects he now seems to have in hand.

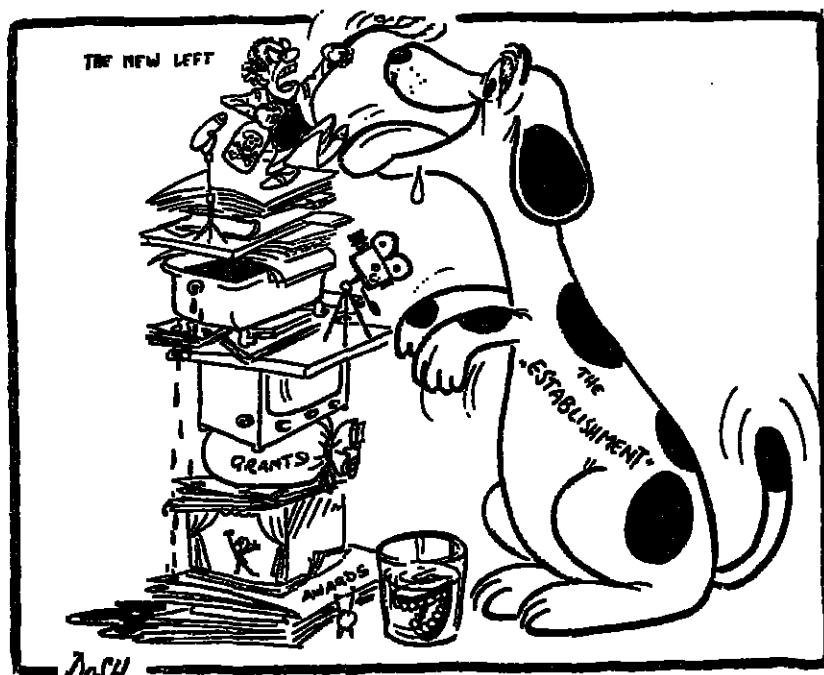
On the contrary, it is when no reason for the break is revealed that the public feels at a loss. There has been a very vocal point of view for some years past that has considered friendship and aid to African countries a mistake, either be-

cause their regimes are not sufficiently stable, or because their contacts with Israel are said to be based solely on the technical and material advantages involved, and their political systems are said not to be sufficiently developed to make any meaningful cooperation possible. Every time one of the African countries gives us notice that it does not wish to continue the previous relationship, these arguments are revived and Israel's entire cooperation programme widely rejected as a waste of money.

There is good reason to suppose that this argument is not true, and it is not just a matter of votes at the U.N.: in any case several of the states accustomed to practise cooperation on some levels did not by any means always support us at the U.N., for what such support may be worth by now.

Of course it is assumed that Libya, Algeria and Egypt constitute an active lobby against us in Africa, and that the influence of the Moslems — the slave-traders of yore — is increasing in the continent, and Christian influence, which brings with it also a knowledge of the Bible and understanding of Israel's history and aspirations, is waning. Nevertheless the Israel presence in Africa has been and will be of great importance. The Arab states may slander us, but they cannot help knowing something of the truth. We cannot afford to be represented in Africa as the alien imperialists that is the stereotype Arab description. We need assurance that a way will be found to continue to present our case in an appropriate and comprehensible form, not simply that for our part we picked no quarrel with them.

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ISRAEL PRESS

A new package

Ha'aretz and Davar on the efficacy of a new package deal in solving labour disputes. Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "It might be healthier not to give too much thought to what the future holds out for the economy, following yesterday's approval to offer wage increases of up to 40 per cent. The Finance Minister must have agreed to super-inflationary wage increases for political reasons, and not because he was forced to do so. As for a new package deal, the idea deserves pity rather than ridicule."

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "The idea of a package deal merits careful and immediate consideration, in

order to dispel the aura of strikes and the resultant feeling of helplessness. The Government and Histadrut must seek a cure for the strikes which persist in breaking out with the frequency of hydra-heads, and the way to do so is through economic measures aided by administrative steps."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) champions the cause of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, stressing that there is a clash of views, not of personalities.

FOREIGN PRESS

Sadat and the students

THE student protests which have forced the closing of Egypt's universities "spring from more general causes than mere campus complaints." The Times wrote in an editorial on Friday. The London paper said: "Ostensibly the rioting students are concerned with the fate of 45 of their colleagues allegedly distributing leaflets... However, the students' reaction to these incidents may only be the surface symptom of a more profound feeling of unrest... as a general background to their own particular complaints, they see the inconsistency of the continued state of no-war, no-peace in which President Sadat pursues his search for some outside agent to compensate for his unwillingness and incapacity to bring effective military or political pressure to bear on Israel. They are not the only Egyptians who cry

out for this indecisiveness to be ended..." The Guardian, Liberal, on Egypt: "Egypt is much as it was one year ago. Then, as now, Cairo's students were demonstrating and being arrested. Then, as now, the pressure of a prolonged situation of no war and no peace in the Middle East was having its divisive effects on Egyptian society. A scurrilous placard carried in last year's demonstration asked: 'What did you do in the war, father? — I got lost in the fog.' The reference was to President Sadat's explanation why he had failed to make true his promise that 1971 would be the year of military and political decision. He claimed the decision had been taken but had become lost in the fog of the Indo-Pakistan war. The student protests exemplify a widespread feeling that foggy policies persist..."

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Harry S. Truman, "rare" to go, as was usual.

BY ALASTAIR BUCHAN*

It is ironic that a week that symbolizes the decline of American leadership of the democratic world — Britain's formal entry into the European Community, a universal explosion of anger at renewed area bombing in North Vietnam — should also mark the deaths of two men, Harry Truman and Lester Pearson, who played a leading part in ending the traditional isolation of North America from the world's problems, as well as creating confidence in that leadership during a more dangerous period than that in which we now dwell. Quite dissimilar in background and temperament, Truman and Pearson played in a certain sense, complementary roles in laying the foundations of a new international system in the ashes of the post-World War II world.

The career of Harry Truman, President of the U.S. for seven-and-one-half years, the poor Missouri farm boy, unable to afford a college education, too short-sighted for the army, had a Lincolnian quality. His early political career in the machine politics of Kansas City and an undistinguished party hack in the Senate, gave little promise of the qualities he was to develop when the whirligig of political fortune tossed him into the vice-presidency in 1944 and into the White House on Roosevelt's death, in April, 1945.

Within a month he had momentous decisions to take, of whose background Roosevelt had not bothered to inform him; whether to continue with the Potsdam Conference in face of the increasingly overbearing attitude of Stalin; the completion of the San Francisco conference on the U.N.; above all, whether to shorten the war against Japan by dropping America's two atomic bombs. Thereafter, the pace was relentless, and though he made some bad decisions with the help of bad advisers, by the spring of 1947 he had grasped the measures of his responsibilities: with the decision to assume Britain's responsibilities in Greece and Turkey, with the appointment of George Marshall as his Secretary of State and the launching of the Marshall Plan to revitalize the disorganized economies of Western Europe. By 1952 when he decided not to run for a second term, the U.S. had a coherent foreign policy, strategic, economic and political, for assuming the leadership of a group of democratic states in Europe and Asia which were infinitely less powerful, in confrontation with a group of Communist Powers whose declaratory policy was considerably more menacing than today.

Some of Truman's decisions are now rightly subjected to criticism. But what impressed the world was his capacity to take them, crisply, without Roosevelt's Machiavellianism or Eisenhower's wavering. For few men in any period of history have been called upon to make so many stark choices: the dropping of the atomic bomb, the commitment of the

Truman and Pearson:

Two who brought order to the world



Lester Pearson accepting an Honorary Fellowship of the Weizmann Institute of Science in December 1968.

U.S. to a close alliance with the West European powers, the decision to proceed with the hydrogen bomb when his technical advisers were divided, to resist aggression in Korea through the U.N. (a decision he considered the toughest), all these involved bitter alternatives. "Within the first few months," he later wrote, "I discovered that being President is like a man riding a tiger. He has to keep riding or be swallowed."

Similarly, it took Lincolnian courage to assert the principle of civilian control when he dismissed the glamorous and popular General MacArthur in 1951. It was his courage that enabled him to fight and win the 1948 election when both the right and left wings of the Democratic Party had deserted him and his closest friends were telling him that he had no chance.

Few Presidents worked harder than Truman. He told an American journalist that during his first 18 months in office he read 30,000 words a night of papers and background documents to make up for his ignorance of the world. When he found able advisers, such as Acheson, Marshall, Harrison, he gave them his unstinted support, which they reciprocated, for like Lincoln, he had a great respect for educated ideas. Truman created an American-centric international system which kept fresh war at bay and regenerated large parts of a world demoralized by the previous one.

Lester Pearson, Foreign Minister of Canada from 1948 to 1957 and Prime Minister from 1963 to 1968, helped mould the harsh edges of this new system and mediate the tensions that the sudden rise of the U.S. to dominance inevitably created in the capitals of old proud states like Britain and France, or new proud ones like India. He came to power by a quite different route from Truman, the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto University, Oxford, career diplomacy in the 1930s and World War II. He was rather surprised to find himself in high political office at the age of 51, but like Truman, he seized his opportunities. In the post-war years Canada was the world's fourth most powerful state, and Pearson very much the director of its external policy.

Pearson played a leading role in the foundation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) but more especially in the evolution of the U.N. (He might have been secretary-general of either if the British had not thought him too independent-minded for the first and the Americans and Russians too independent-minded for the second.) His greatest contribution lay in the years after Truman had left office for he realized that Canada's economic strength was relative, and that it was essentially a middle power — something that classical international relations did not recognize — and that middle powers had more freedom of action than the great ones. In 1952, for example, he tried, in

conjunction with India and Britain, to hasten the Korean armistice by devising a new formula on the issue of prisoners, for which he got no thanks for the U.S., which took another whole year to find its own solution. Much more important was his action at the time of the Suez crisis, which aroused his two strongest instincts, his ardent affection for the Commonwealth and his belief that the hostility of the super-powers was immobilizing the U.N. When, on November 1, 1956 U.S. Secretary of State Dulles demanded a cease-fire resolution in the General Assembly to halt France and Britain in the Suez Zone, Pearson withheld Canada's vote unless the U.N. would take responsibility for policing it. Against the grave reservations of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, Pearson insisted that the middle powers must put together a military force to keep Israel and Egypt from fresh conflict. Thus was born the idea of peace-keeping, which for a decade prevented several serious conflicts from erupting, and for which he properly received a Nobel Prize. Lester Hammarskjöld wrote to him that: "Canada was the key in the solution of many issues confronting the U.N."

Finally, Pearson had a much more sensitive concern than any other non-British politician in the old Commonwealth countries for the problems and promises of the new multi-racial Commonwealth, a concern which was later extended to the problems of the developing world in general, culminating in the distinguished Pearson Report for the World Bank in development aid of three years ago.

Truman and Pearson, despite the dissimilarity of their power and their careers, had much in common. Both were bad orators; both were more admired abroad than at home; both preferred the company of old friends to that of the great; both enjoyed their domestic hobbies, Truman reading history and playing Mozart; Pearson skating, reading and conversation (he was one of the best raconteurs I have ever heard). But there was one great difference, derived partly from different constitutional systems: no one ever thought of addressing Truman as anything but "Mr. President." Pearson was simply "Mike" to a wide circle of friends all over the world.

Truman policy, with its generosity as well as firmness has gradually evolved into the leading responsibility of Nixon. Trudeau's Canada also casts a more calculating eye upon the strong internationalism of Pearson. But our world would be an even more disorderly one, scarred by even greater tragedy and conflict, but for the contribution of these two brave men. (OFNS)

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Readers' letters

Kiryat Moshe neglected

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — For three years, the Neighborhood Committee of North Kiryat Moshe has been trying to improve conditions in what is probably the ugliest and most crowded area in Jerusalem that pays taxes as a first-class zone. Progress has been made in paving some streets, and one "street," Rehov Nissenbaum, is rapidly becoming worse as it ever was. City officials have been repeatedly approached about the following problems, but with no visible effect:

1. Rehov Nissenbaum is not paved at all, and becomes a sea of mud and rocks in the rain. Even when dry, access by car is treacherous. There is no alternative access for 400 residents and three stores.
2. The city required a private contractor to close off one end of the street with a wall and parking lot (due to poor planning of plots, the street crossed private property) despite a recommendation from the city's own Urban Planning Unit to leave it open.
3. As a result, Rehov Nissenbaum can be entered only from Rehov Leif Shalom. This is one of the widest and has a 16 per cent grade. One end of Beit Shearim is also due to be closed, because it is too dangerous!
4. Despite the difficult access, a contractor has begun to build a high-rise apartment house fronting on Nissenbaum. He appears to have no building permit, and the Regional Committee of the Interior Ministry informs us that no request for building on that plot has even been received by them. The contractor tells us that he does not know how many floors it will be! Something is fishy here.

Despite meetings with the mayor, deputy mayor, city councillors, city engineers, letters to all concerned, and guided tours of the site, one official said of the Nissenbaum area: "there is not enough pressure from the neighbourhood to warrant action." Don't 400 people who can't reach their houses warrant action by the city without a mass protest?

PHILIP E. ISAACS
Neighbourhood Committee,
North Kiryat Moshe
Jerusalem, November 27.

Jerusalem Municipality replies: We and Mr. Isaac's letter a little surprising, especially in view of the fact that he is in close contact (at least daily) with officials of the Municipality regarding the problems of Kiryat Moshe and he knows that we are aware of the situation. It is impossible to solve all the problems of each neighbourhood in one year. This year we have invest-

ed IL2,000,000 in paving new roads in Kiryat Moshe. We have received from Mr. Isaac telegrams thanking us for our efforts and for the great improvements carried out in his neighbourhood.

Rehov Nissenbaum will not be paved this year, but some improvements will be made soon. The contractor who has begun to build in Rehov Nissenbaum has applied for a permit, and the application is now awaiting approval of the District Building Committee. The local building inspector was instructed to prevent any further work on that site until a permit is granted.

I. GROSSMAN,
Municipal Spokesman
Jerusalem, December 26.

SAFE DRIVING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Having had a driven licence for many years and watching the careless driving of other drivers and the high figure of traffic accidents, I walked into the National Council for Prevention of Road Accidents to ask what was the procedure to become a traffic observer. I was told I would have to complete a course in safe driving first. I did so and enjoyed it very much. We were told things we did not know and had our memories refreshed about things we had forgotten. I think that all drivers should take this course. Perhaps it should be made obligatory at some time; maybe people taking driving lessons should also have to take a course in safe driving.

M. BEN-YAGOV
Tel Aviv, December 26.

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The things they say

I'll shoot first and ask questions afterwards. Cameraman in London's Inn on the Park on being asked if he would recognize Howard Hughes. While they were holding us, someone they seemed more frightened than we were. Nissim Hadas, First Secretary of the Israel Embassy, Bangkok, on Black September terrorists. The era of cheap food is over. Lord Watkinson, Chairman of Cadbury Schweppes. I cannot get over how Americanized Vietnam has become. Walk down any street these days and you can buy a Sony radio. Bob Hope.

Ex-President Lopez of Venezuela dies

An ex-President of Venezuela, Gen. Eleazar Lopez Contreras, died in Caracas last Tuesday at the age of 80. The Venezuelan Embassy in Jerusalem has announced. Gen. Lopez headed the Venezuelan Government from 1958 to 1961, a period during which the country became a constitutional democracy. Through his efforts, Venezuela opened its doors to Jewish European refugees.

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